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1. MILITARY JUNTA HAS INDICATED INTEREST IN STRENGTHENING CHILE'S TIES WITH ANDEAN COUNTRIES. FOREIGN MINISTER HUERTA HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT GOVERNMENT WANTS TO PARTICIPATE MORE IN ANDEAN PACT AND MAKE IT SUCCESSFUL. HE NOTED THAT GOC WILL USE DECISION 24 AS NORM FOR FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN CHILE. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED DESIRE TO DEVELOP METAL WORKING INDUSTRY WITHIN REGIONAL SECTORAL PROGRAM AND INCREASE CONTACTS BETWEEN CHILEAN PRIVATE SECTOR AND ITS ANDEAN COUNTERPARTS.

2. CARLOS BESA, RECENTLY APPOINTED FONMIN ECONOMIC DIRECTOR, IS ALSO NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF GOC SECRETARIAT FOR LAFTA AND ANDEAN GROUP MATTERS. HE REPLACES JUAN SOMAVIA.

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3. CAF PRESIDENT LINARES, NOW VISITING CHILE, HAS TALKED WITH JUNTA PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND TOP GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC OFFICIALS. AT OCTOBER 16 PRESS CONFERENCE LINARES SAID CORPORATION WANTS TO HELP INVIGORATE CHILEAN ECONOMY. IN ADDITION TO METALWORKING AND PETROCHEMICAL PROGRAMS, HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF CAF RENTING JET PLANES TO NATIONAL AIRLINE LAN AND ASSISTING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT HERE.

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